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City Council moved forward Oct. 12th in certifying election results
Elba mayoral candidate's attorney filed a
Motion to Stay the Certification of Election
Results with Coffee County Circuit Court

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council canvassed and certified the Oct. 6th Municipal Runoff Election results during its 5:30 p.m. meeting Monday, Oct. 12th.

The municipal runoff election in Elba was for the office of mayor in which the candidates were Tom Maddox and Tim Johnson. Maddox was declared the winner by certification of the votes.

A little over 2 1/2 prior [2:53 p.m.] to last Monday's council meeting a Motion to Stay the Certification of Election Results on the Elba Mayoral Candidacy was filed electronically with the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama [Amy L. Reeves, Clerk]. The motion was filed by attorney Michael Jackson on behalf of Timothy Johnson.

According to the motion, it was filed because "evidence requesting this stay has been provided to three separate state offices, Alabama Attorney General [Sept. 28, 2020], Alabama Ethics Commission [Oct. 7, 2020], and the Alabama Secretary of State [Oct. 7,

2020]."

The motion further stated, "due to the nature of the evidence, we believe it to be exculpatory as it consists of multiple criminal acts, including, but not limited to, the following: bribery, conspiracy, trading in public offices, and interfering with the free election franchise."

The motion noted "time is of the essence" for its filing due to the certification of election results being scheduled for the council meeting that night [Oct. 12th]. The motion also stated the purpose of its filing was to stay the certification of election results until the initial review of the evidence could be done by the state offices.

In accordance with Section 11-46-46 of the Alabama Code, Elba City Clerk Sally Bane said the election results for the Oct. 6th Runoff Election were canvassed and certified at the regularly scheduled council meeting of the Elba City Council on Oct. 12, 2020.

On Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15, a Dothan, Alabama television news source initially reported that Johnson

"I have not made any allegations against the City of Elba or its election officials. The motion on Monday was a request to delay the canvassing of votes by the Elba City Council. I have in no way indicated any wrongdoing by our city," Tim Johnson confirmed in a Facebook post.

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NOTICE:

The Elba City Council will meet in special session Monday, Nov. 2, at 9 a.m. at Elba City Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is:

- Swearing in Ceremony for the 2020-2024 Mayor and City Council.
- Organizational Meeting for 2020-2024 Mayor and City Council.

The final regular meeting for the current city administration will be Monday, Oct. 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

In regards to Hurricane Sally damages

Coffee County added to list approved for federal disaster declaration

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey's office announced late last week that President Trump's September 20 disaster declaration for Alabama had been amended to provide FEMA Public Assistance (PA) to Barbour, Butler, Clarke, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Geneva, Houston and Pike counties, as well as the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

A total of 13 counties and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians are now eligible to apply to FEMA for assistance. Four counties – Baldwin, Conecuh, Escambia

and Mobile – had previously been declared eligible for PA.

"As Alabama continues to recover following the devastating impacts from Hurricane Sally, I am pleased to continue working with FEMA to provide the necessary assistance to our citizens," Governor Ivey said. "I encourage Alabamians in these 13 counties to take advantage of this relief and again thank President Trump and his Administration for their continued support and partnership."

Public Assistance is FEMA's largest disaster

grant program. Eligible state, county and local governments, as well as certain private nonprofits, may be reimbursed for no less than 75 percent of disaster-related expenses. Eligible expenses may include debris removal, emergency protective measures and the repair

or restoration of public facilities such as roads, bridges, water control facilities, buildings, equipment, public utilities, parks and recreational facilities.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Coffee County Schools continue to monitor COVID-19 cases closely

Coffee County Schools Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth reported last Wednesday, Oct. 14, that Coffee County Schools had nine additional confirmed cases and one presumed positive case of COVID-19 within the system since his report the week prior.

"The cases are on the campuses of Zion Chapel High School, New Brockton High School, Kinston High School and the Central Office," Killingsworth said. "The students, teachers, and parents have been notified by the school nurse and are currently following recommended protocols."

In relation to the weekly report from Coffee County Schools, James Brown, Coffee County EMA director, said COVID cases were on an upward trend in the community at-large. He said while not welcomed, an increase at the schools was somewhat expected and had been properly responded to by school officials.

"Coffee County Schools continue to follow all procedures and the latest school guidance sent from ADPH including the updates to the 'back to school toolkit' issued today," Brown said last Wednesday. "As always, the safety of all our students, faculty and their families remains our top priority."

Superintendent Killingsworth added that the system's school nurses, administration, and staff members are continuing to stay abreast of the newest recommendations and guidelines. He said he would again like to thank the students, parents, and faculty for their continued patience, support and understanding of this ever-changing situation.

"COVID-19 is not over," Brown said. "Please continue to wear your masks and maintain social distance in all situations."

Area Happenings

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOME COMING Friday, Oct. 23rd. The theme is "The Greatest Tigers on Earth: Cage the Lions!" There will be a Pep Rally/Bonfire Thursday evening, Oct. 22, at 6:30 at Tiger Town Park. The Homecoming Queen Coronation will be held Friday morning at 9 a.m. followed by a pep rally in the Elba High School stadium. Visitors for the coronation and pep rally will need to sit on the visitor's side of the stadium, wear masks, and observe social distancing. EHS will honor the Class of 1990 with a tea Friday at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade line up will begin at 1:30 with the parade promptly beginning at 3:00. Parade entries may be entered by contacting Martha Pope at Elba High School (897-2266). The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game with Houston County at 7 p.m.

Bands big and small from Alabama and Florida will be performing," Hammonds said. "There is plenty of seating and room in the stands as well as along our hill for social distancing. It should be a great day for bands right here in Elba, Alabama!"

Generally, the Pea River Marching Band Classic is a full-own marching contest with Best in Class competitions, but this year, the event has been modified to a festival, which allows judges to give each band individual

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Marching Band Festival set for Saturday, Oct. 24, in Elba

Despite early concerns for no marching band festivals this year due to COVID-19, the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band will be able to host a modified Pea River Marching Band Classic this Saturday, Oct. 24, at Tiger Stadium in Elba.

"This is a modified festival this year due to COVID-19 hardships and restrictions," said Elba's director of bands Shaun Hammonds. "However, we are looking forward to hosting the event and giving all the participating band kids this opportunity."

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated." — Coretta Scott King

Our desire for sweets seems to ebb with age. Last Wednesday was Dessert Day and it triggered some thoughts from 'back when.' During our army days all those years ago, our motto at the mess hall was "Life is short. Eat dessert first." And truly the first thing we ate was the dessert! That of course got us lots of jabs, but our logic was that we didn't want to get full without eating the sweets of the day. Alas, even though sweets are still on our menu, now they don't take priority and we tend to favor the 'less sweet' desserts.

Late in the night last weekend our phone started binging like crazy. First, we thought it was the alarm clock but we got completely awake realized the phone was sounding off. It turned out to be an Amber Alert for two missing children from Mississippi. The car involved reportedly had a Mobile County, Alabama tag, thus the alert to Alabama folks. Having no idea what the two boys looked like, our brain still pondered how we could help them. Now here we were snug in bed, the middle of the night and awake for over an hour fretting about how we were going to get those Mississippi boys, that we had no idea how they looked, back where they belonged, etc. Finally, our mental searching for them was called off and sleep returned. Monday all ended well when the Amber Alert was cancelled after the two were found, still in Mississippi.

We just saw an e-mail noting the top ten states with the fastest dropping unemployment numbers and the top ten slowest dropping unemployment numbers. Alabama was not in either group, which means our state is in about the middle. Our thoughts are that with a slower rebound, Alabama is improving on more solid ground and thus less likely to relapse (we hope). Of course, if COVID-19 erupts with a vengeance this winter, who knows what will happen to any economy.

In case you haven't heard, Americans have an election right around the corner — the first Tuesday in November. Number 1 on the ballot is of course the presidential race. The two main contenders are of course incumbent (Republican) Donald Trump and (Democrat) Joe Biden. It shouldn't be hard for any of us to pick a candidate, these two main characters are as different as any two people could ever be. Yet there are more folks out there who are still undecided that we would have expected. Digging deeper into their reasons, we find it is a matter of not liking some of Trump's personal actions but at the same time not liking some of Biden's ideas of how things should be done. Four years ago many of these votes went to third party candidates (or voters just didn't vote). This year many of the undecided say they intend to make a decision before election day. Which way? Only history will know that answer.

There is absolutely no need to anguish over the potential outcome of this election. History has many examples of folks predicting the sky will fall if ... is elected, but it doesn't happen. Our country, and our citizens are strong enough to manage the negatives whichever candidate sleeps in the White House for the next four years.

EDITORIAL

Elba High School Alumni Association and Elba Quarterback Club to meet jointly Friday for Homecoming 2020

This Friday, Oct. 23, will be Homecoming in Elba.

As part of the festivities, the Elba High School Alumni Association will conduct its annual membership meeting jointly with the Elba Quarterback Club, which holds a 'game day' meeting each Friday at the Elba Country Club from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

During the combined quarterback club/alumni association meeting, the Elba Country Club kitchen will offer a limited menu for ordering lunch for all who wish to eat. Immediately after the Quarterback Club program, the alumni association will conduct a short business session prior to adjourning!

Please make plans to

come enjoy these meetings!

Former Elba Tiger Russ

Wood, son of legendary Elba Coach Mack Wood,

will be the guest speaker

for the meeting that day.

Also, the Elba High School Alumni Association is conducting its annual membership drive. The membership cost again is \$20, and your donation goes to help provide scholarships for Elba High School seniors each year.

"Since starting the alumni association, we have provided \$15,000 in scholarship monies to graduating seniors from Elba!" said president Linda Hodge.

A PayPal account is now active for the alumni association [elbahighalumniassociation@gmail.com]. This allows member to pay their membership online!

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Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

Cuzin Lou Lou may be a girl, but she still enjoys watching sports! There even was a time when she was a pretty decent tennis player — those days, however, are several years and pounds ago!

Last weekend, Lou Lou was in quite a funk over her favorite fall sporting teams. From football to baseball, it just wasn't the best of weekends for Lou Lou. There were a couple of ups, but more downs.

Fortunately, Sister came to the rescue and kept Lou Lou from sitting around and stewing in her feelings the entire weekend.

Friday night, Lou Lou traveled to watch her favorite team from Yonder play a little football. While the team had its own mishaps [too many] that cost the players and coaches the win, Lou Lou found herself getting quite verbal with the fellas running around in the striped suits.

Lou Lou tries keep quiet most times, but when the down judge kept proving he had no idea what the rules of the game were...well, let's just say Lou Lou got a little upset. At one point, she caught herself yelling at the big fella saying she might be a girl but she knew more about what was going on out there than he did!

It was at this point that Sister grabbed Lou Lou and told her to sit down and hush it.

Sister was absolutely correct in doing that, but Lou Lou cannot stand watching a game where it seems the officials are the least known!

edgeable ones in the stadium. They should know the rules of the game better than anyone.

There are times when officials make real-time mistakes, and that is understandable because it is a fast-paced sport. However, when those guys clearly don't even know the rules of the game...well, there is a problem.

Lou Lou can only hope the state organization that oversees it all will eventually get a handle on poor officiating that seems to be running rapid in high school sports; otherwise, a few bad apples are going to ruin the fun for all!

The next morning, Lou Lou was still feeling sore about the previous night's game. She was moping around the house.

This is when Sister stepped up and kicked a game winner! She loaded Lou Lou in the car and took her to get one of her favorite fall-time treats — a corndog [well, actually two corndogs] from the infamous Corn Dog Man!

Two dogs on a stick with both mustard and ketchup later, and Lou Lou's frown was turned upside down!

Picking on Sister is one of the things Cuzin loves most in life, but she also gives credit where credit is due!

Sister was the champ last weekend because she knew what Lou Lou needed, and it worked beautifully!

Until next time...God Bless, Keep Smiling, and if you can — go get a corndog [or two] from the Corn Dog Man!!

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

DANNY JOY LAWING
Mr. Danny Joy Lawing, age 74, of Equality, Ala., died Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at his home.

Graveside services were held Oct. 18, 2020 from the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating.

Survivors include his wife: Tamara Gail Vincent Lawing, Equality; son: Larry Lawing, and daughter: Mary Ann Lawing, both of Houston, Texas; and a sister: Jannie Draper, Montgomery, Ala.

AUTHOR STEPHENS SR.
Retired First SGT Author Stephens Sr., age 75, of Daleville, Ala., died recently at his residence.



Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home & Crematory of Enterprise directing.

Author Lee (Tut) Stephens was born to the late Jack and Mary Lois Stephens on October 4, 1945 in Panama City, Fla. Author graduated from Rosedale High, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Juanita Long. They married on January 6, 1966 and remained in Holy wedlock for 47 years prior to her death in 2013. He retired from the U. S. Army as a First Sergeant after 22 years of service.

After the death of his longtime wife Juanita, Author met and married Louise Johnson from Powder Springs, Ga.

Author was preceded in death by his sister, Annie Laura McDowell, and brother Eddie Stephens.

Survivors include his daughters: Melissa Menders, Madison, Ala., Tawana Weems, (Antonio), Powder Springs, and Melonie Nealy (Marvin Tukes), Gainesville, Fla.; two sons: Author Stephens Jr. (Latoya), Madison Ala., and Antonio White (DeeCarol), of Ga.; seven grandchildren: Corey and Corohn Washington and Christen Wilson, both of Madison, Domenica and Domani Weems, Spring Mountain Ga., and Kennedy and Cassidy White of Ga.; brothers: James L. Stephens (Lolita), and Willie James Stephens (Pandora Brown), both of Panama City, Fla.; three sisters-in-law: Francis Stephens, Calif., Zenobia Williams, Columbia, S.C., and Elease Barkley, Philadelphia, Pa.; two brothers-in-law: William Henry Long Jr., Charleston, S.C., and Cesar (Bobby) Long (Angelina), Marianna, Fla.; along with a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DANIELS

Mr. Benjamin Franklin Daniels, age 71, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2020.

He resided in Elba, Ala. for over 40 years, where he worked and eventually retired.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10, 2020 at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Rev. Freddie Flowers officiating. Services were directed by Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

He was preceded in death by his father Edgar, his mother Rachel, his sister Arlene Williams and his brother Willie Fred Daniels. Survivors include his loving wife of 41 years: Rebecca Daniels, Elba; brother: Otis C. Daniels, of NY; his mother-in-law: Lucille Hammonds; his brothers-in-law: Lorenzo

Hammonds, Terrell Hammonds, Randy Tyson, and Tory (Penny) Thomas; his sisters-in-law: Lae Lucille Hammonds, Dottie Hammonds, Linda (Thomas) Hooks, Sherry Jean Tyson, Annie (Johnny) Griffin and Tracie (Tim) Williams; his uncle-in-law: Skeeter (Polly) Waters; and his aunts-in-law: Shirley Ann Coleman, Emma Nell Hammonds, Louise (Vernon) Harris, and Mary Waters; in his heart were his nieces and nephews who were like his very own children: Bernard Waters, Eddie Jo, LeGary (Pam), Lakia (Clarance), Terry, Alice (Tim), Quitta (James), Eddie, Keith, James, Tony, Joseph, O'Shay, Sharae, Cordell (Tiara), Justin, Cordesha, Terricka, Amber, Keirra, Terriea, Shy, Trey, Tay, J'Shawn, Zybrian, Sharay, Tyree, and Jasmine, and his great-nephews and nieces: Khaled, Michael, Sanderious, Jeffrey, Cari, Legacy Jr. Jumere, Shamya, Timia, Clarence, Timora, Claren, Tyra, Paris, Natalie, Kentrell and Ashley; his cousins: Jackie, Willa Dean Virginia and his little ones Channon, Kyrian, Kerri, Paris, Calli, CJ, Kendrick, Bry'Anna and A'Khai; along with a host of other family members, neighbors and friends.

SHELLY DAVIS JR.

Deacon Shelly Davis Jr., age 75, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, in

DeFunia Springs, Fla., after an extended illness and prolonged hospitalization.

Shelly was born to the late Shelly Davis Sr. and Josephine Davis-Jackson (nee' Green) in Coffee County, Ala. on July 11, 1945. He was raised near Enterprise and was educated in Coffee County Schools. In later years he would move to nearby Elba where he joined Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church and served as a faithful and active Deacon until his health declined. Shelly was a celebrated Quartet Gospel singer who loved to Praise and Glorify the Lord.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Coleman Funeral Home & Crematory directing.

Shelly was preceded in death by his brother, Willie J. Davis.

Survivors include his wife: Tommie Mincey Davis, Elba; his children: Roberta 'Bobbi' Campbell (Jamie), Enterprise, Anthony Terry (Mattie), Atlanta, Ga.; granddaughters: Taylor, Sydney and Kynnedi Terry; great-granddaughter: Skylah; stepchildren: Cheryl Faison (Sonny Boykin), Birmingham, Ala., Stacy Faison (Tracie), Columbus, Ga., Phillip Faison, Ashley Foster; step-grandchildren: Steven Boykin, April Skipper, Cameron Skipper, Lindsey Faison; and step great-grandson: Bryson Boykin; his siblings: Sammy L. Davis, Asbury, NJ, Billy R. Davis (Christine), Vallejo, Calif., Delores Brooks, Enterprise, Shirley Ann Davis, Lakewood, NJ, Louise Davis, Nashua, NH, Clarence E. Jackson (Brenda), Sarasota, Fla., Robert Davis, Toms River, NJ, Sharonett Davis, North Plainfield, NJ, Patricia C. Shaw (Joseph), Kenner, NC, Alice F. Billingsly (William), New Brunswick, NJ, Larry Davis, Columbia, SC, Harry Davis, Freehoo, NJ, Ira L. Jackson, Enterprise, Annette Jackson, Coconut Creek, Fla., Phyllis V. Davis, Patterson, NJ, Benjamin M. Davis, Toms River, NJ, Bryant M. Davis, Lakewood, NJ, Rodney W.

Davis (Rachel), Trenton Falls, NJ; along with his aunts, uncles, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and other extended family.

RAY MICHAEL BLOCKER

Mr. Ray Michael Blocker, age 55, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 19, 2020 at his home.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held.

Survivors include two children: Kathy Barns and Billy Smith; one special friend: Shannon "Cheyenne"; and one granddaughter, Sheryl, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family and friends.

MARTHA ANN STEVENS

Ms. Martha Ann Stevens, age 72, of Montgomery, Ala., died earlier this week at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home & Cremations of Elba, Ala. upon completion.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020, in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery, 7638 Hwy 87, Elba, Ala., with Sorrells Funeral Home of Slocomb di-

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For this reason, the worst thing you can do during the grieving process is to try to stifle your emotions or bottle your feelings. Attempting to "keep it to yourself" means those negative feelings churn and rage inside you, which can have a corrosive impact on your well-being.

It's okay if there are days or even seasons when you don't want to talk about the way you're feeling - but ultimately, grief is something that needs to be processed out loud, whether that means talking with a close friend, a therapist, or the members of a grief support group.

Additionally, remember that grief can have different stages - and all of them can be good. Depression, denial, and anger can all be part of the grief journey. None of these emotions are particularly fun, but they can be helpful. Each one represents your mind trying to work out the sensation of loss.

Grieving is always tough, but it can also be productive - ultimately moving you into a healthier headspace. As you go through the good but hard process of grieving, remember to show yourself some patience and some grace.

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Attention: Youth in Grades 3 - 12

Wiregrass LEAD, an adult leadership program sponsored by Wiregrass RC&D, is looking for youth in grades 3-12 who want to make a difference in their community by participating in the Wiregrass RISE competition.

Loosely based on the TV show "Shark Tank", youth will present ideas they have that will make their community a better place to live. A grand prize winner will then be given \$2,000 in seed money to make their vision a reality. There are also cash prizes available for the winning youth, as well as, their adult sponsor. Details can be found at the Wiregrass RISE website: <https://www.wiregrassrcd.education/wiregrass-rise>

The Round 1 Deadline is NOVEMBER 1 - the first submission is only a 3-minute video of the youngster's idea.

CARD OF THANKS

DANIELS FAMILY

The Family of the late Benjamin (Ben) Daniels extend sincere thanks for your many acts of kindness shown during our hours of bereavement. The food, calls, visits, cards, flowers and especially your prayers were a source of strength. May God forever bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Tommie Davis and Family

10/22pd.

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A very, very Special "Thank You" to the staff and management at Coleman Funeral Home in Elba, Alabama for your professional services. You went above and beyond.

Again Thanks,
Gracie and the Benson Family

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God

Psalm Twenty Three has been a much loved part of scripture for many generations. The inspired words of David the shepherd, written about the Lord our shepherd, have brought great comfort and reassurance to many. Let's look briefly at some of its verses (NKJV).

Verse one: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." We usually focus here on the second half of the verse. It is comforting to know that we "shall not want." But, let's back up a little. We first should take an honest look at our lives and ask: "Who is really my shepherd?" In other words, who are we really following? Are we following current fads, the drama on social media, politicians, or people? People and things will certainly influence and interest us, but they make for bad shepherds. They may lead us in a direction that diverges from the path of the Lord. We must always be careful to follow him. When we do, we can then have the peace of knowing that we "shall not want."

Verse two: "He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters." Here again, we sometimes get the cart before the horse. The images of green pastures are peaceful and alluring; they would be a welcome destination. But first: Are we actually lying down in them? Honestly, I think about them, but don't take enough time for them. I can't lie down if I'm running around, here and there, doing this and that. This is why I am so thankful that the Lord "makes me" rest in these peaceful places. These green pastures may not be a geographical location. Usually, they are a spiritual place. Some may remember these words to a classic hymn: "There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God." Beautiful words. Beautiful truth. A beautiful place.

What about the "still waters"? Most of us have been to The Gulf of Mexico many times. It's breathtakingly beautiful. I've crossed the Atlantic Ocean, and watched teeming wildlife from the banks of the Luangwa River in Zambia. However, none of those are my favorite. When I was fourteen, my parents moved us to the country. It didn't take long at all for my brother and me to start exploring the woods. Far back from the house, we found a quiet stream that had, through probably hundreds of years, eroded the land around it, creating a hidden place for itself. We loved to go there. The water was not loud or rushing. Very few even knew of its existence. It was, however, a quiet refuge, where even a teenage boy who knew little of troubles or care could go, reset, and be restored. God's "still waters" are like the "green pastures." Though unseen, they are very real. I can't go back to the hidden stream now. My parents are deceased, and the land was sold long ago. But, you and I can go at any time to this unseen refuge. Don't know where it is? The Great Shepherd is waiting to lead you to it and the green pastures.

Let us share your church news!
Email Linda Hodge
at
clipperace@troycable.net
or call (334) 897-2823
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Mt. Gilead Baptist Church plans Fall Festival for Saturday, Oct. 24

A Fall Festival is scheduled at Mt Gilead Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 24. The church is located on Highway 87 S, between Elba and Samson.

Those attending are encouraged to please wear a mask. For more information call 334 494-5161.

Come join the fun!

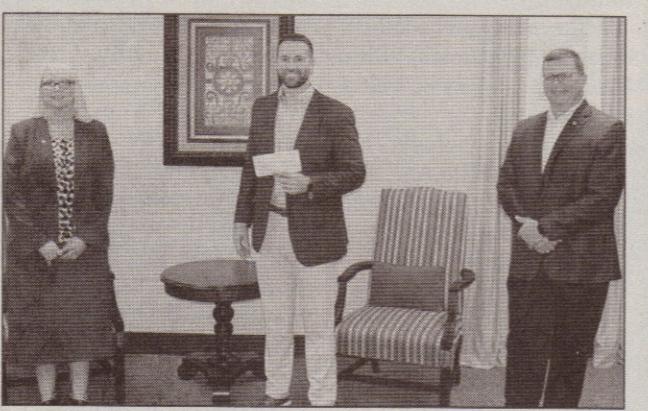
Newbia Baptist Church planning Trunk-or-Treat and more event

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba, will host Trunk-or-Treat and More on Saturday, Oct. 31, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

There will be candy and treat, peanut boiling, a bon-

fire, and a devotional. Also, a prize will be awarded for the best costume [adult and child]. Judging for the costumes will be at 6:30 p.m.

All are invited to come join the fun!



LBW Community College was recently presented a \$10,000 Community Service Grant by Alabama House of Representative Mike Jones, Jr. Pictured from left, Dr. Arlene Davis, LBWCC Associate Dean for Institutional Advancement; Dr. Brock Kelley, LBWCC Interim President; Rep. Mike Jones, District 92 of the Alabama House of Representatives.



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Round and About with Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The character of those who may dwell with the Lord, the only one who needs to know, knows. — P.M.

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Lydia M. Kelley, Hospital Patients, Isaiah Franklin Jr., Alice Musgrave, Pastor W.L. and Sis. Ollie R. Peterson, Beatrice Belcher, Joe Rudolph, Re-Nita N. Brooks, Annie Jo Coleman

October Birthdays / Anniversaries

Brenda Ellison Carter 10/1
Lynsey F. Manning 10/2
Larry Lee Ware 10/2 (in memory)

Isaiah Tate Kelley 10/3
J.L./Estella Williams 10/3
W.A.

Samella Terrell Edwards 10/3

Perry Stinson 10/4

Min. Robert Edwards 10/6

Zena Cole 10/7

Peaches Jackson 10/10

Vickie Jean Smith Florence 10/10

Robert (Moe) Edwards 10/11

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God's Laws [Deuteronomy 4: 8]

Q: What provisions miraculously didn't run out for the impoverished family? Pick Two. (oil), (firewood) (meal)

A: Oil and Meal [1 King 17: 14]

Saying that Makes Sense

God does not pay as others pay,

In goods that perish and decay,

But this is sure, Let come what may

Who does God's work will get God's pay.

Questions for the Week of 10/22/2020

True or False

Q: God revealed Himself out of fire to deliver the Ten Commandments.

Q: God provided His people manna and quails to eat in the desert.

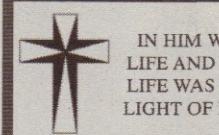
Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

AA/NA meetings held in Elba

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.

Church News due on Mondays!



IN HIM WAS
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**ABUNDANT GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service ... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:00 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METH-
ODIST**

Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BAPT
CHURCH**

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lowell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
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HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

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Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

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Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
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**ELBA UNITED METHOD-
ODIST**

Steve Renae, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

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**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH**

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
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for the November 3, 2020 General Election

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The New Hope Senior Citizens Center will host a Drive-Thru 'Trunk-or-Treat' Thursday, Oct. 29., from 6-7 p.m. for seniors age 55 and older.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to dress-up, if so desired.

The Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. Young Adult Ministry will assist with this special event.

For more information, contact Conzella Banks, New Hope Senior Center director, at (334) 735-5433.



Local attorney Merrill Shirley speaks at Elba Quarterback Club meeting

The "Elba Flash" [aka Merrill Shirley] served Friday, Oct. 16, as the guest speaker of the Elba Quarterback Club 'game day' meeting.

Shirley was a football player for the Elba Tigers in the early to mid-60's, and he went on to play college ball at Auburn University in the late 60's after being offered

a scholarship by legendary coach Shug Jordan.

"Things were so different for me back then," Shirley said as he recalled fond memories of playing at both Elba High School and Auburn University.

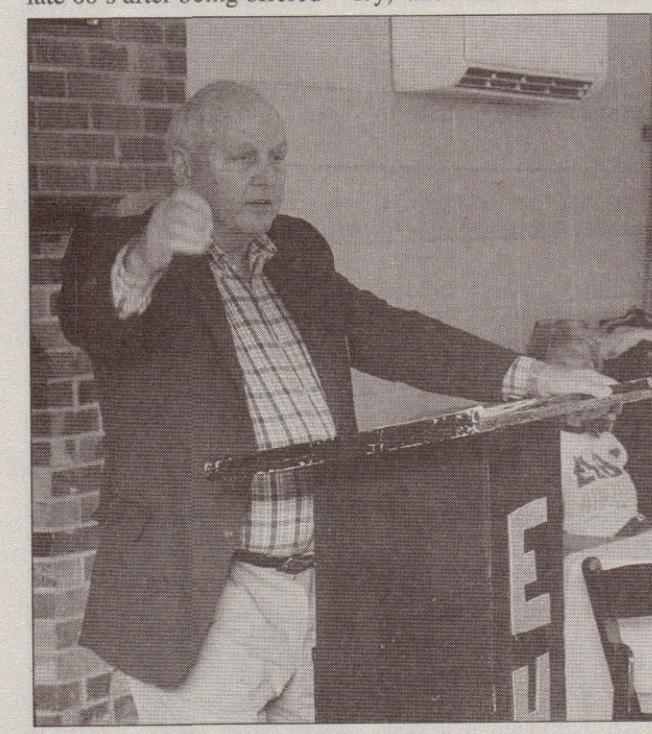
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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, and Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, OCT. 13 - Traffic accident reported at 20565 Hwy 87 (5:31 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 167 and Hwy 51 (6:24 a.m.);

Criminal mischief reported at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (10:26 a.m.); Gas Leak reported at 615 Jackson Ave (4:49 p.m.); Harassment reported at 328 Brunson Circle (6:57 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1523 Highland Dr (7:37 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1052 Sunset Blvd (8:20 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with three verbal warnings issued and three written citations issued.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17 - Harassment reported on Riverview Dr (8:25 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 655 Smith Ave (12:24 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Tiger Dr (4:24 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Plant Ave S (6:50 p.m.); Shots fired reported on Ann St (7:07 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 909 Harper Dr (7:09 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported on Hwy 84 E (7:59 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with verbal warnings issued to each.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14 - Animal complaint reported at 1710 Highland Dr (4:08 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 442 County Rd 263 (4:41 p.m.); Shots fired reported in area or Reynolds St and Thomas St (4:56 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 429 Claxton Ave (6:06 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a citation issued.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18 - Prowler reported in area of Martin Luther King Dr (11:39 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 706 Newton St (6:56 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a citation issued.

MONDAY, OCT. 19 - Harassment reported to Elba Police (12:14 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 783 Stoudemire St (8:51 a.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 371 Tiger Dr (1:47 p.m.); Unattended (natural) death reported at 717 Davis St W (5:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCT. 15 - Suspicious person reported on Davis St W (1:35 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Rees Ave (8:05 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 631 Claxton Ave (2:28 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 990 Hwy 203 (5:57 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 189 (6:48 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Martin Luther King Dr (7:56 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Sunset Blvd (8:00 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1232 Ann St (8:31 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 220 County Rd 401 (9:21 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 2600 Reynolds Ave (9:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 221 Davis St (10:00 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date with one verbal warning issued, one report taken, and one written citation issued.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16 - Harassment reported at 810 Cedar Lane Dr (4:47 a.m.).

IN THE MATTER OF SIBURLINE MODLIN, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC2020-85

NOTICE OF ADOPTION HEARING

To: Any natural father of a minor child born to Abriel Kiana Baker on October 12, 2015.

CASE NO: PC20-059

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of October 2020 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this 6th day of October 2020.

/s/ Selena Modlin King
Personal Representative
10/15/22&29-pd.

Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of September, 2020.

/s/ Patrick H. Davenport

Patrick H. Davenport
Special Probate Judge
12th Judicial Circuit of Alabama

10-22,29-11-5 & 12 - chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JEREMY HAR-RILL LYNCH AND AMANDA JOAN LYNCH,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 411

The Coffee County Commission has received a written petition from the abutting landowners of a portion of Coffee County Road 411 requesting the vacation of said road. Pursuant to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public hearing on November 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, New Brockton, Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation. The proposed public road to be vacated is described as follows:

The portion to be vacated will begin at a point 1,920 feet from the intersection of said County Road 411 and Alabama Highway 189. This 1,920 feet is measured along the centerline of said County Road 411 beginning at the center of Alabama Highway 189. Thence continue south along said County Road 411 760 feet to the point where county maintenance currently ends located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, T-5-N, R-19-E.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may file written objection or request to be heard at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed, or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission, #2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing.

10/15, 22, 29 & 11/5-chg.

USDA announces Oct. 30th is deadline to submit wildfire, and hurricane disaster assistance applications

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, as the deadline to submit applications for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program - Plus (WHIP+) for 2018 and 2019 losses.

The physical and financial loss experienced by farmers and ranchers impacted by natural disasters in 2018 and 2019 was widespread and catastrophic," said Richard Fordyce, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "Fortunately, in addition to our already extensive suite of disaster assistance programs for crop and livestock producers, we were able to provide additional support through WHIP+."

WHIP+ compensates producers for losses due to hurricanes, floods, snowstorms, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, drought, and excessive moisture, and wildfires occurring in calendar years 2018 and 2019. Drought and excessive moisture were added as eligible losses for the program in March 2020. FSA will launch a new tool on the farmers.gov WHIP+ webpage to help producers understand eligibility for the program and whether they had possible losses in 2018 and

Don't Forget to...


SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson needed a little help with a history assignment one day last week and after reading a chapter and answering a list of questions asked his ole Granddaddy to check over it. I really didn't care much about reading the chapter, but since it was only a couple of paragraphs I agreed, and even made a few changes to a couple of answers. Two days later he told me he made a 76 on the assignment, and hasn't asked me for help again. Oh well, my mind is crowded with 57 more years of history than his and it does get a little jumbled at times.

For what it is worth....

*** While they are still mathematically alive in the hunt for a 2A playoff berth, the Elba Tigers for all practical purposes saw their post-season hopes vanish last week with a disappointing 45-32 region loss to Ariton. The math shows that an Elba win over Houston County and a Cottonwood win over Ariton would give the Tigers the #3 seed in the region, while an Elba win over Houston County coupled with a Cottonwood win over Ariton and a Zion Chapel win over Geneva County would make it a three-way tie for the final two spots. I guess it is true that anything can happen in high school sports, but it is highly unlikely either winless Zion Chapel or one-win Cottonwood has much of a chance to pull off upsets, and that means the Tigers could miss the playoffs for the first time in 14 years.

The loss to Ariton was simply more of the same for the Tigers as the offense put plenty of points on the scoreboard and the defense got gashed over and over, and has now allowed a total of 93 points in its last two crucial region games. The offense didn't click on all cylinders at all times and was stopped a couple of times in key situations, but did put 32 points on the scoreboard and did move the ball up and down the field behind the determined efforts of Jacquez Prince and Collin Harrison. The defense was caught out of position numerous times that led to easy Ariton scores, and once again it appeared the defense was confused and unsure what to do even after the snap. I'm sure there was a plan, but once again it didn't work out and the result was a high-scoring region loss.

*** It was another week to forget for three of the four area teams as only the Brantley Bulldogs were able to claim a win. Here's a quick look back at the week that was....

** The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy once again in rolling to a 54-0 region win over winless Red Level. The Bulldogs never had to break a sweat on the cool fall night to remain atop the region standings and after eight games have now outscored their victims 427-26. Wow!

** Kinston was expected to have an easy time against winless Pleasant Home, but someone forgot to tell the Eagles as they tossed a 7-0 shutout against the Bulldogs. Kinston has struggled through a very disappointing season, but plays with pride and never backs down.

** Zion Chapel was looking for hang up a big 'W' on its side of the ledger last week when the Rebels took the field against winless Cottonwood, but it was the Rebels that remained winless as Cottonwood lit up the scoreboard in a 44-21 region win. Zion Chapel is down, but far from being out for the count.

** New Brockton fell behind 36-0 in the first quarter and never challenged in a lopsided 50-15 region loss to Providence Christian. The Gamecocks saw their losing streak reach five games with the loss, and in the streak has allowed an average of over 49 points per game. Ouch!

*** It was another wild week across the wiregrass area with a number of upsets and surprising scores posted. Here are just a few.... Andalusia logged its fourth straight win and its third straight shutout with a big 27-0 region win over Greenville. Wicksburg rallied from a 19-point fourth quarter deficit to ease past Houston Academy 37-32. Dothan continued its struggles in the 7A ranks with a 49-13 loss to Central, of Phenix City. Daleville remained winless with a 48-14 loss to AHSAA newcomer Northside Methodist. Charles Henderson claimed its first win of the season with a surprising 24-19 region win over Carroll of Ozark. Eufaula jumped out to a 42-0 halftime lead and coasted in with an easy 42-0 win over Russell County. Abbeville rolled up over 500 yards in total offense for the second straight week in a lopsided 48-0 region win over outclassed Houston County. Goshen remained winless in the 3A ranks with a 42-13 loss to previously winless Beulah. Pike County improved its playoff seeding with a solid 43-7 road win over Childersburg. Samson kept its playoff hopes alive with an impressive 35-20 region win over Georgiana. G.W. Long remained undefeated with a big 41-7 region win over Geneva County, and McKenzie moved into second place.

in the region standings with a surprising 51-38 region win over previously unbeaten Flora.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend and wanted to make sure everyone knew the Elba Tigers still had a shot at making the playoffs and even had a chance to finish third in the region, with a little help of course. He admitted the odds weren't really good, but reminded me that a football is shaped funny and can take some crazy bounces. The local guesspert hit on ** of ** picks last week and left this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

ELBA VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Pea River felines lost a little more fur last week on a trip up river and this week will be back at home looking to give the alumni something to cheer about as they celebrate homecoming. The kitties from over near the state line haven't won many catfights this season, but have showed up for them all and have never backed down. The fur may be flying in this one.

ELBA 30 HOUSTON COUNTY 16

BRANTLEY VS. FLORALA

The bulldogs from up across the creek are one win away from another region title and will make the trip down near the state line looking to stage a party. While they may run into a litter of kitties that hang out by the lake, the guess here is the 'dogs will make it look easy and leave town still singing and dancing.

BRANTLEY 54 FLORALA 14

ZION CHAPEL AT GENEVA COUNTY

The troops from up at Fort Jack will make the long march down across the county line still in search of win #1. They will have their muskets loaded just in case they run into a pack of dogs that hang out near the highway, but may not have enough ammunition to call it a successful hunt. This one could get bad.

GENEVA COUNTY 52 ZION CHAPEL 7

KINSTON VS. SAMSON

The bulldogs from down near the county line would like nothing better than to put a damper on the kitties planned trip to the post-season party. While the dogs didn't do much barking last week after a long walk to the woods of Covington County, this week may be a little more fun. In a four quarter fight....

SAMSON 20 KINSTON 14

HOUSTON ACADEMY AT NEW BROCKTON

The roosters from over near the bypass are looking kind of skinny these days after going five weeks without a solid meal, and may be even hungrier if the defense can't keep a gang of raiders out away from the coop. There is no doubt the roosters will put up a fight, but the guess here is they will still be looking for a good meal after the game is over.

HOUSTON ACADEMY 38 NEW BROCKTON 14

OTHER PICKS

Pleasant Home 21 Red Level 14
McKenzie 44 Georgiana 12
Leroy 42 Washington County 7
G.W. Long 48 Abbeville 40
Ariton 35 Cottonwood 8
Highland Home 29 Thorsby 13
Isabella 40 Luverne 6
T.R. Miller 28 Flomaton 26
Hillcrest 27 Cottage Hill 10
Providence Christian 49 Daleville 6
Opp 34 W.S. Neal 21
Slocomb 27 Wicksburg 24
Montgomery Acad. 55 Monroe County 6
Thomasville 34 Southside 12
Dadeville 27 Beulah 0
Montgomery Catholic 41 Goshen 0
Pike County 28 Reeltown 6
Trinity 42 Childersburg 0
Alabama Christian 48 Bullock County 0
B.T. Washington 22 Ashford 20
Dale County 44 Straughn 13
St. James 31 Geneva 14
UMS-Wright 38 Elberta 7
Andalusia 24 Carroll 7
Ch. Henderson 27 Headland 12
Pike Road 40 Greenville 0
Rehobeth 42 Northside Methodist 21
Saraland 35 Citronelle 16
Carver 32 Russell County 6
Eufaula 45 Lanier 8
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R.E. Lee 30 Valley 13
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Theodore 44 Foley 20
Auburn 35 Enterprise 17
Dothan 28 Smiths Station 26
Prattville 42 Jeff Davis 0

Tigers invite Lions to 'homecoming' clash

ELBA HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES:

Community Pep Rally/Bonfire - Thursday, Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m., Tiger Town Park
Homecoming Queen Coronation - Friday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. Elba High School football stadium.
Elba QB Club and Elba Alumni Association Meetings - Friday at 11:30 a.m., Elba Country Club
Class of 1990 Tea - Friday at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Dept. at Elba High
Homecoming Parade - Friday at 3 p.m. downtown Elba

The Elba Tigers will be looking to give a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about and close a disappointing season on a high note for the seniors Friday night, Oct. 23, when hosting the Houston County Lions, at Tiger Stadium.

The series is tied at 3-3 all-time, with the Tigers winning the last meeting 21-14 back in 2009.

Elba saw its playoff hopes vanish Friday night with its second straight region road loss and will be playing for pride on Friday night in its final game of the season. The Tigers have averaged over 38 points a game this season, while the defense has struggled and in its last four games has allowed over 35 points a game as the Tigers have lost three of their last four contests.

Houston County has posted a combined record of 3-17 over the past two seasons and this season will enter the battle with the Tigers with a 1-7 slate. The Lions lone win was a 16-6 decision over winless Zion Chapel, while the losses have been to Northside Methodist 42-21, Florala 56-14, Ariton 35-20, G.W. Long 42-21, Ashford 14-12, Geneva County 21-14 and Abbeville 48-0.

"Houston County plays hard with a lot of pride and is a well-coached football team," stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "They lost to 4A Ashford by only two points, lost to Geneva County by seven points and were still in the game in the fourth quarter in every game until last week's loss to Abbeville. We can't feel sorry for ourselves about what has happened the last two weeks and think we can just go out on the field and get an easy win. If we have learned anything the last couple of weeks it is that no games are sure wins and we must play our best in all aspects to have a chance. I assure you Houston County will come over here Friday night playing to win, and will play their best game of the season to accomplish that goal."

"We have to be in the right state of mind on Friday night and the seniors

have to play like it is their last game of their career, because it may be," added Sieving. "Houston County is a lot like Ariton in the formations they line up in on offense and what they like to do. So, it is obvious that our defense has to play at a much higher level and try to take control of the game. Over on defense they are sound and have two really solid linebackers that run to the football, and they have been successful at times on

the defensive side stopping folks. On offense we'll need to be able to run the football to set up the pass, and be able to score points. We have had a number of touchdowns and big plays called back due to penalties in recent games, and that must stop for us to be successful."

"This is the tenth game of the season and everyone knows what the other teams are going to do," said Sieving, "and it will come down to which teams plays the best and which players want it the most."

Region battles continue for area teams

The high school football season is fast drawing to a close for teams in the area, and while this week will see region wars continue, many teams will be playing simply for pride with no hope for advancement to the playoffs.

Following is a preview of this week's area games:

Houston Academy at New Brockton
The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to get back in the win column this week when they host the Houston Academy Raiders, in the region finale.

Houston Academy leads the all-time series 14-6, has won the last ten meetings and won the last meeting 44-20 back in 2009.

The Gamecocks have struggled to a 1-6 record this season and will enter the game mired in a 5-game losing streak, as they have averaged 18.5 points per game and allowed 41.1 points per game.

The Raiders have also struggled throughout the season to log wins, and will enter the game with a 2-6 record. They have posted wins over 1A Kinston 16-0 and winless Daleville 45-0, while losing to Bayside 44-3, Opp 35-0, Slocomb 48-0, Florala 40-35, Providence Christian 37-14 and Wicksburg 37-32.

The Bulldogs will bring a 6-2 record into the region clash, with wins over Wicksburg 19-15, Cottonwood 39-12, Ariton 54-41, Abbeville 42-30, Geneva 22-6 and Houston County 21-14, while losing to Elba 50-22 and G.W. Long 41-7.

The Bulldogs will be looking to play spoiler in the region title Friday night when they travel to Florala to battle the high-scoring Florala Wildcats.

Brantley leads the all-time series 23-3-1, has won the last 22 meetings and won the last contest 55-14 last season.

The Bulldogs, which have advanced to the 1A playoffs 23 straight years, have averaged 53.3 points per game and allowed only 3.2 points per game in rolling to eight straight wins.

The Wildcats saw their perfect season end last week in an upset at McKenzie, but will bring a lofty 7-1 record into the clash after posting wins over Houston County 56-14, Samson 44-0, Georgiana 42-14, Red Level 48-0, Houston Academy 40-25, Kinston 50-7 and Pleasant Home 68-7, and falling to McKenzie 51-38.

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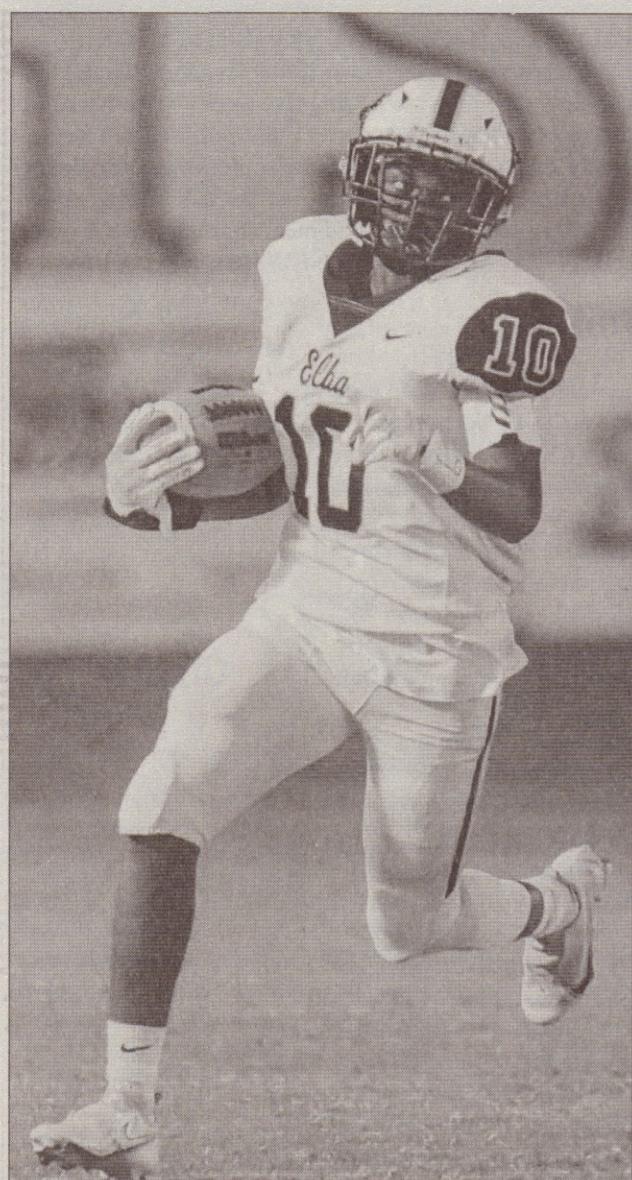
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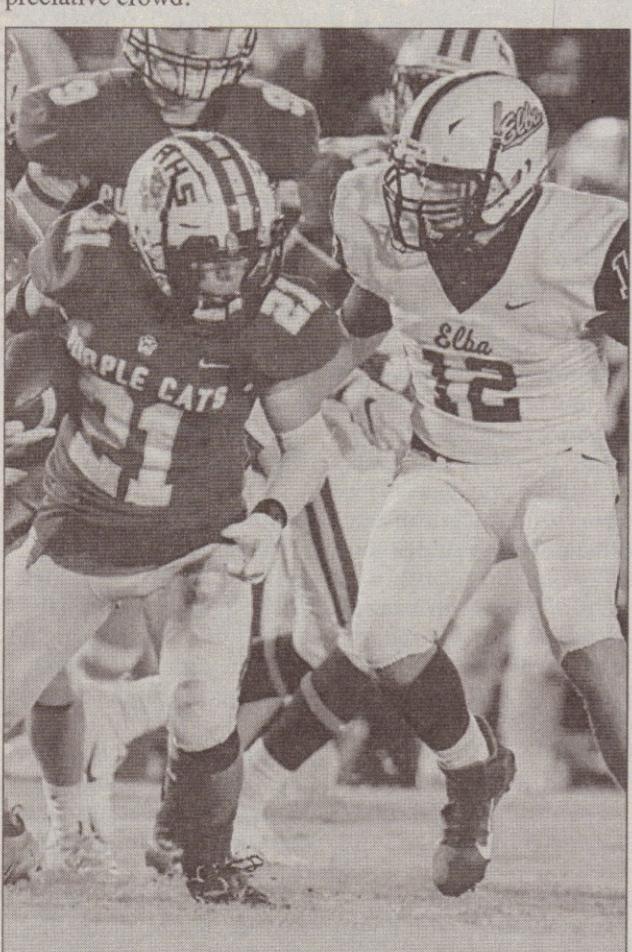
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Elba Tiger JT Coleman (10) heads upfield after fielding a kickoff in last week's region battle against the Ariton Purple Cats.



Elba Marching Tiger Band made the trip to Ariton last week and performed its halftime show on the field to an appreciative crowd.



Elba Tiger Brayden Johnson (12) closes in for a big hit on an Ariton ball carrier. The Tigers will host Houston County Friday night to celebrate homecoming.

In key region clash

Elba Tigers outscored by Ariton 45-32

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers saw their journey to the playoffs hit a dead end Friday night with a disappointing 45-32 region loss to the Ariton Purple Cats, in Ariton.

Elba jumped ahead early as the Tigers received the opening kickoff and went 68 yards in five plays to get on the scoreboard. A 44-yard pass from Jacquez Prince to Peyton McCart was a key play in the early scoring drive, while the score came on a 5-yard run by Prince. Collin Harrison ran in the two-point conversion, and with 9:32 left in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 8-0.

Ariton had an immediate answer for the Elba score as the Purple Cats went 63 yards in five plays on their initial possession to also reach the endzone. Ian Senn completed 3 of 4 passes for 53 yards to lead the 'Cats down the field, and connected with Landon Thrash from 10 yards out for the Ariton touchdown. A two-point run failed, but with 8:13 left in the quarter the Tigers lead was down to 8-6.

Ariton began its next possession near midfield after a 14-yard Elba punt and this time went 56 yards in seven plays to take the lead. Senn scored the Purple Cat touchdown when he burst through a huge hole in the middle of the Elba defense and raced untouched 16 yards for the score, and the freshman quarterback also ran in the two-point conversion as Ariton moved in front 14-8 with 3:22 left in the quarter.

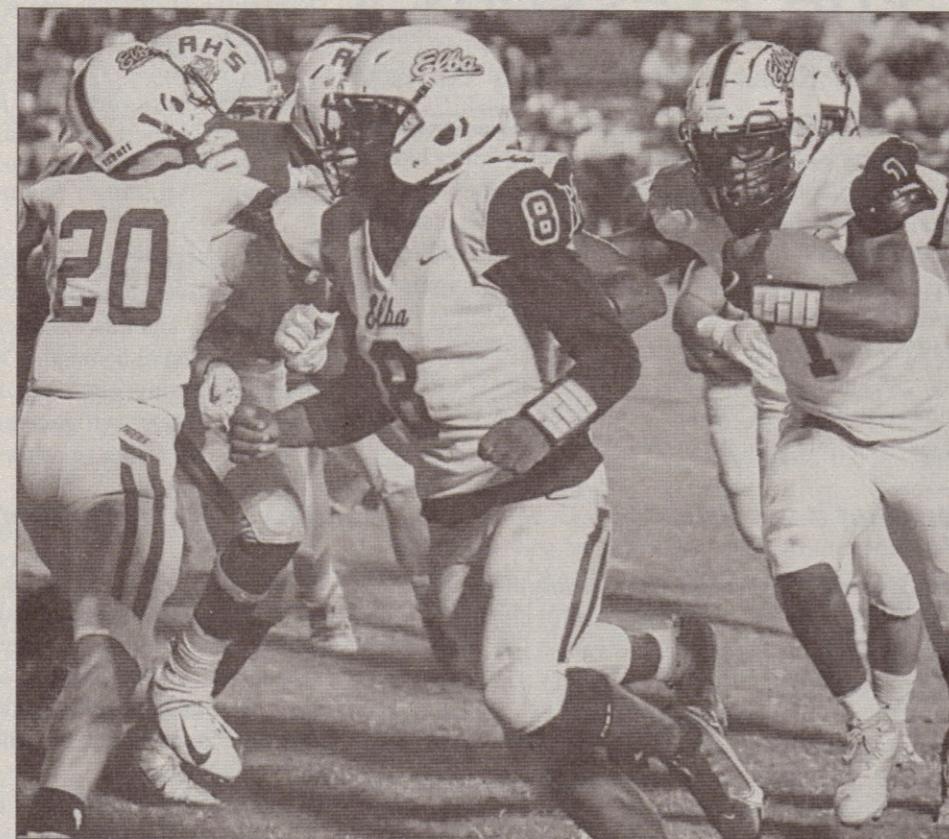
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The Tigers lead didn't last for long; however, as Ariton took the ensuing kickoff and went 59 yards in only four plays to go back on top. Ian Senn again jumped through a hole in the middle of the Elba defense and this time raced untouched 45 yards for the Purple Cat touchdown, and while a two-point run failed to produce points, Ariton was back on top 20-16 with 10:55 left in the second quarter.

Elba was forced to punt on its next series, but got the ball back on an Ariton punt at its own 35-yardline and headed back toward the Purple Cat endzone. The Tigers reached a first down at the Ariton 43 behind the running of Collin Harrison and the passing of Jacquez Prince, and appeared to regain the lead when Prince turned the corner on a 43-yard run. A penalty flag nullified the long scoring run; however, and on the next play the Tigers turned the ball over on a mishandled snap to set Ariton up at the Elba 29-yardline.

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Ariton received the second half kickoff and wasted little time increasing its lead as the Purple Cats went 70 yards in six running plays to get back into the endzone.



Elba Tiger Peyton McCart (20) seals the edge as Tiger teammate Jacquez Prince (8) leads the way for Collin Harrison (1) to head downfield for a big gain in last week's 45-32 loss to Ariton. Harrison gained 131 yards on 21 carries and scored two touchdowns in the region loss.

Ian Senn scored his fourth touchdown of the night when he turned the corner and scampered 39 yards for the score, and Senn also added the extra-point to put the 'Cats on top 33-16 with 9:26 left in the third quarter.

Elba saw a promising drive stopped at the Ariton 25-yardline on its ensuing possession, but got a much needed break only four plays later when JT Coleman broke through to block an Ariton punt to put the Tigers back in business at the Purple Cat 21.

It took the Tigers six plays to cover the 21 yards to the endzone, with the score coming on a 1-yard run by Collin Harrison. Harrison also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 2:12 left in the quarter Elba was within 33-24.

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Elba recovered an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff and ended the Tigers playoff hopes as the 'Cats ran out the clock to hand the Tigers the 45-32 region loss.

Collin Harrison rushed for 131 yards and 2 touchdowns on 21 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Jacquez Prince added 55 yards and one td rushing and completed 7 of 15 passes for 103 yards and one td. Peyton McCart caught two passes for 70 yards and Chrystyle Caldwell had two catches for 19 yards and one td.

Chrystyle Caldwell had 7 tackles and one quarterback sack to lead the Tiger defense, while John Martin Wilson also had 7 stops. Freshman Ian Senn rushed for 179 yards and 4 touchdowns on 14 carries and completed 5 of 12 passes for 75 yards and one td to spark Ariton, while sophomore Jordan Smith rushed for 161 yards and one td on 21 carries.

The yardstick....

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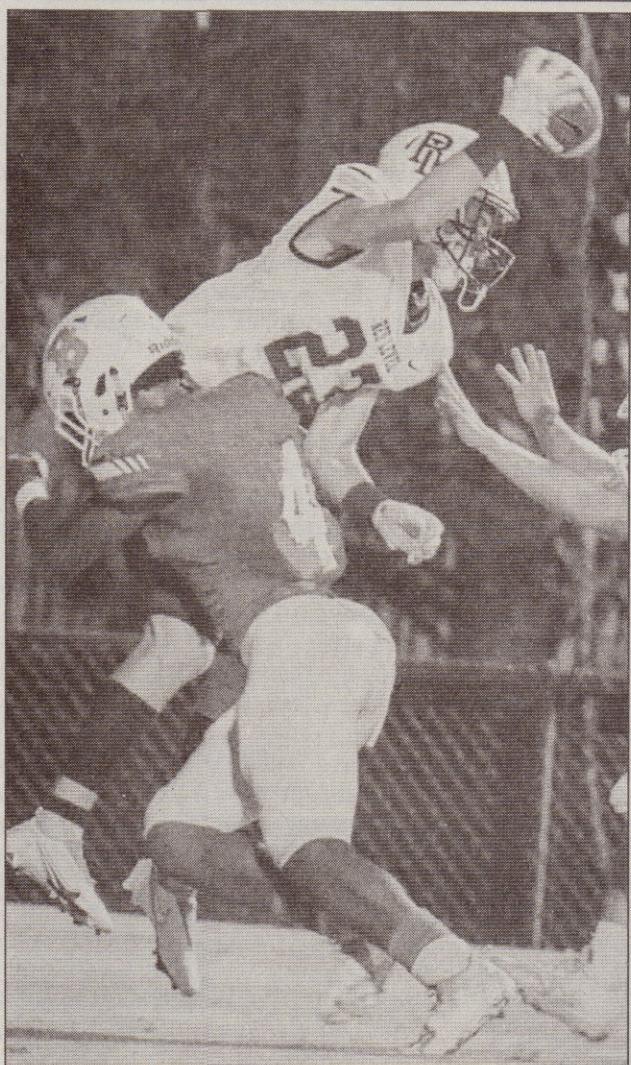
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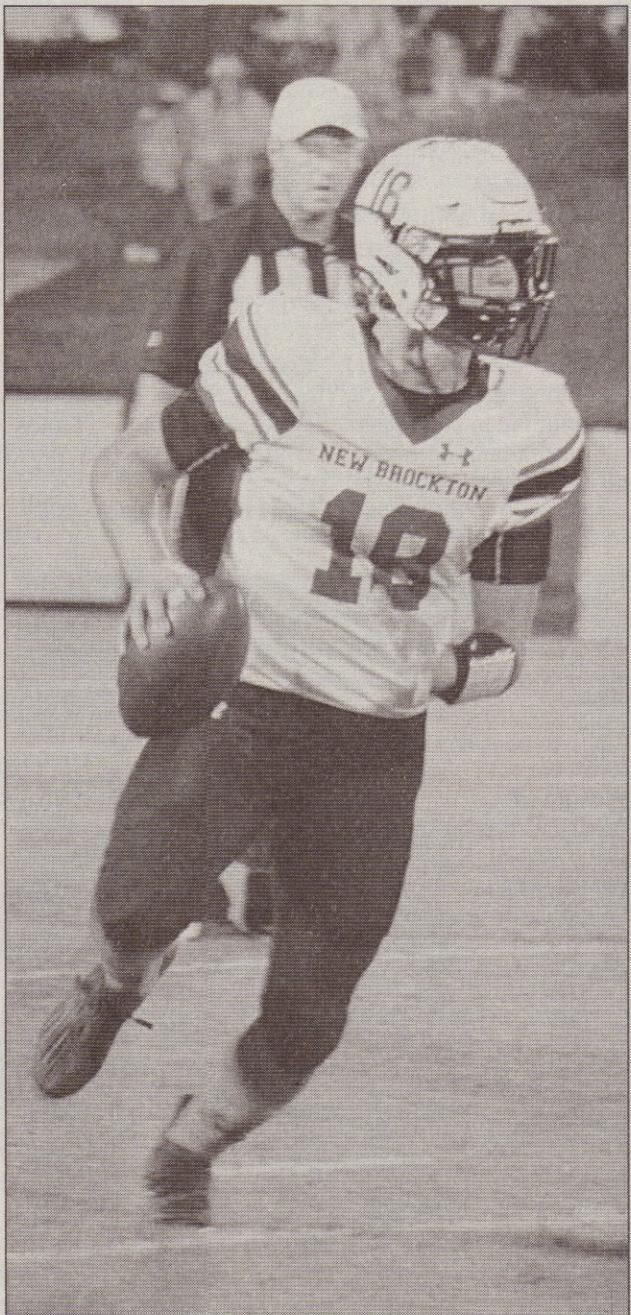
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Brantley Bulldog Kedrick Brown (4) lifts the Red Level quarterback off the ground on a sack in last week's 54-0 win over the Tigers. Brown had nine tackles in the big region win.



Brantley Bulldog cheerleader is all smiles as the Bulldogs run past Red Level 54-0.



New Brockton Gamecock Kaden Cupp (18) looks for a receiver as he rolls out. Cupp rushed for 106 yards and 2 td's and passed for 95 yards in last week's region loss.



Remains unbeaten

Brantley scores early and often in 54-0 homecoming win over Red Level Tigers

*From combined reports
Photos by Cody Nichols*

The Brantley Bulldogs continued to cruise through the 2020 high school football season with a lopsided 54-0 region win over the Red Level Tigers, Friday night at David Lowery Stadium, in Brantley.

Keldrick Brown had a big night for the Bulldogs as he rushed for 90 yards, including a 78-yard touchdown run, on just four carries; pulled in two passes for 25 yards; returned a blocked kick 85 yards for a touchdown and made 9 tackles on defense.

Kenuwyn Dixon enjoyed a stellar night on offense as he rushed for 154 yards and touchdowns of 13 and 3 yards, on seven carries, and completed 4 of 6 passes for 57 yards and one touchdown toss of 25 yards. Robert Shine also 'shined' for the Bulldogs on offense as he rushed for 103 yards on just five carries, scored on runs of 23 and 46 yards, and pulled in a 25-yard touchdown toss.

Eli Nichols had 7 tackles and Bo Cook added 6 stops and blocked a field goal attempt to help lead the Brantley defense to the shutout win, while Jaradius Mount added 5 1/2 tackles and had 2 1/2 tackles for losses. The Bulldog defense limited Red Level to minus 24 yards in total offense.

Brantley will travel to Flora this week in another key region match-up.

High School Volleyball **'At The Net'**

Lady Gamecocks swept by Lady Eagles

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were swept by Goshen 25-23, 25-14, 25-14, in regular season action. Kaci Wilkes had 9 aces, 4 kills and 3 digs to lead the Lady Eagles, while Ella Tatum added 5 aces, 2 kills and 3 digs.

Lady Tigers ousted by Lady Rebels

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their season draw to a close last week with a 25-1, 25-6, 25-16 loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels, in area tournament play. Whitney Rayborn had 1 ace and 2 digs to lead the Lady Tigers, while Jasmine Magwood added 2 aces, Danaeja Flowers added 7 blocks, Haley Wilkerson added 1 ace and 1 block, Andrya Chism added 1 block, Nevaeh Sanders added 1 ace, and Emily Richardson added 4 blocks.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs down Flora

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs flattened the Flora Lady Wildcats 25-9, 25-9, 25-14, in area tournament action. This advanced Kinston to the area finals where they met Pleasant Home after the Lady Eagles defeated Samson to advance to the area finals.

Kinston wins area over Pleasant Home

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs advanced in playoffs to sub-region play by defeating the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles in the area finals. Kinston won the match 25-23, 25-2, 27-5-17 to advance. In area tourney play, Faith Peters had 15 kills and 13 blocks to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Macie Stewart added 5 aces and Sarah Beth Long added 64 assists.

Zion Chapel falls to Ariton Lady Cats

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels saw their season draw to an end with a 25-8, 26-24, 25-5 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats, in area tournament action. No stats were available.

Gamecocks caged in lopsided 50-15 loss to Providence Christian

Statistics by Brandon 'Speedy' White

Photos by Greg Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued to take their lumps on the gridiron last week with a 50-15 region loss to the Providence Christian Eagles, in Dothan.

Providence Christian came out ready to play in the 'must win' contest for both region rivals and scored five touchdowns in the opening quarter to take a commanding 36-0 lead after just one quarter of play.

The Eagles first quarter touchdowns came on runs of 3-yards, 20-yards and 55-yards by Gus Goldsborough, a 32-yard run by Jake Smith and a 36-yard pass from Smith to Grant Weatherford.

Smith hooked up with Abe Chancellor with a 29-yard touchdown toss in the second quarter to push the Eagles lead to 43-0. However, the Gamecocks got on the scoreboard later in the quarter when a 25-yard scamper by Julian Noble set up a 4-yard scoring run by Kaden Cupp. Cupp also ran in the two-point conversion, and at the half Providence Christian went in with a 43-8 advantage.

A 2-yard touchdown run by Jake Smith helped the Eagles up their lead to 50-8 in the third quarter, while

the Gamecocks added a fourth quarter score on a 47-yard dash by Kaden Cupp, and Jacob Bustamante kicked the extra-point as the scoreboard posted the game's final score of Providence Christian 50 New Brockton 15.

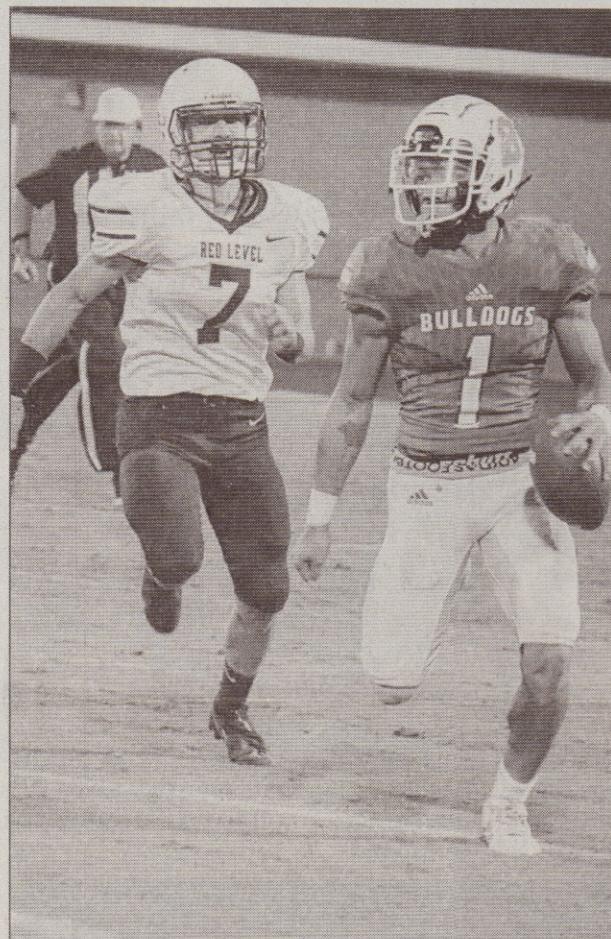
Kaden Cupp rushed for 106 yards and 2 touchdowns on 22 carries and completed 17 of 25 passes for 95 yards to lead the New Brockton offense, while Julian Noble added 73 yards rushing on 11 carries and Avery Weed pulled in three passes for 53 yards. Matthew Smith and Julian Noble both had 4 tackles to lead the Gamecocks defense, while Karyus McNabb added 3 stops.

Jake Smith passed for 123 yards and 2 td's and rushed for 76 yards and 2 td's to lead the Eagles, while Gus Goldsborough rushed for 105 yards and 3 td's and Grant Weatherford added 77 yards rushing and 97 yards and one td on pass receptions.

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Brantley Homecoming Queen Lauren Hudson and her proud dad Troy Hudson had lots of reasons to smile Friday night in the Bulldogs big 54-0 win over Red Level.



Brantley Bulldog Kenuwyn Dixon (1) rolls out looking for a receiver. Dixon rushed for 154 yards and 2 td's and passed for 57 yards and one td in last week's 54-0 region win.



New Brockton Gamecock Logan McCoy (38) heads outside for a big gain.

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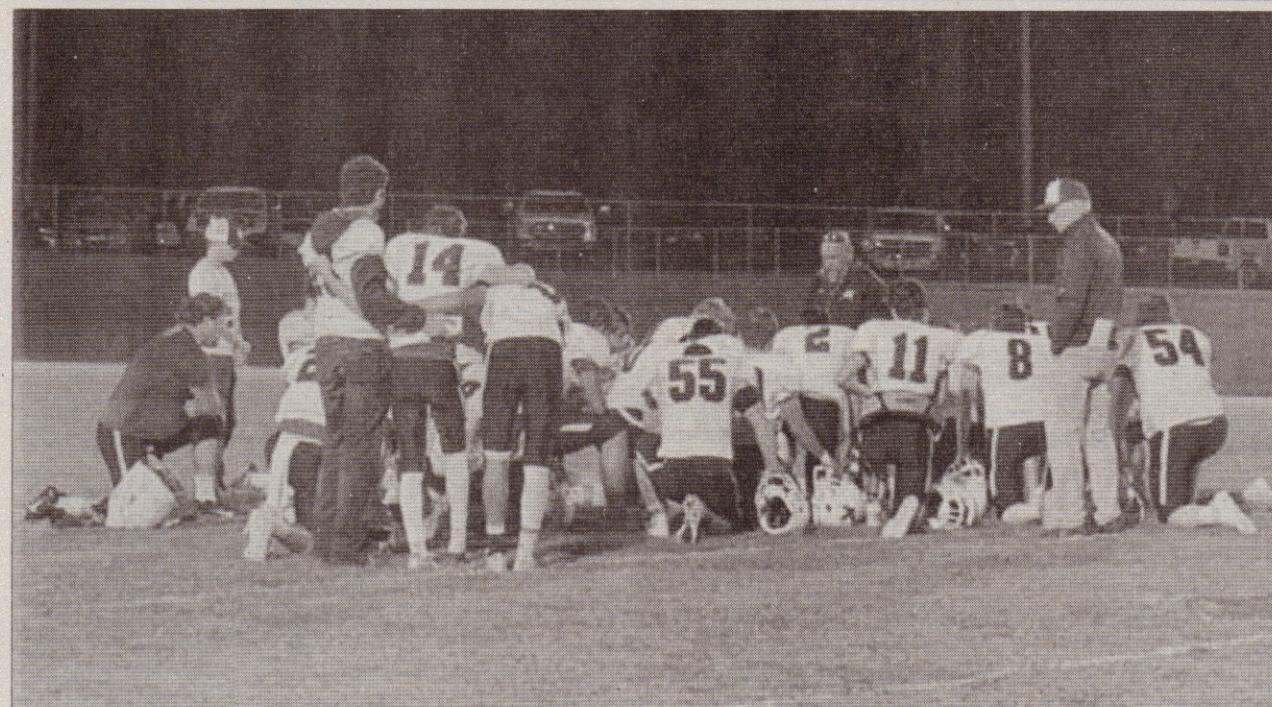
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SPORTS NEWS



Kinston coaches talk with their players following last Friday night's heartbreaking loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles. The loss dropped the Bulldogs to 2-6 on the season.

Kinston falls 7-0 to Pleasant Home in defensive battle

Statistics by Dickey Adcock

The Kinston Bulldogs and Pleasant Home Eagles slugged it out for all four quarters on Friday night in a region battle at Eagle Stadium, and when the final horn sounded to end the contest it was Pleasant Home that left the field with a 7-0 win.

The Kinston defense turned back two Pleasant Home scoring threats in the first half to keep the Eagles off the scoreboard, but the Bulldogs also failed to put any points on the board as they saw a pair of potential scoring drives end at the Eagles 18 and 16 yardline, and at the half the score

was still knotted at 0-0.

Pleasant Home received the second half kick and went 67 yards in 10 plays to finally get on the scoreboard, with the score coming on a 2-yard run by Ladarius Purifoy. Frank Gafford kicked the extra-point, and with 5:24 left in the third quarter the Eagles were on top 7-0.

Kinston failed to move the chains on all three of its second half possessions, as the Bulldogs dropped the 7-0 region decision.

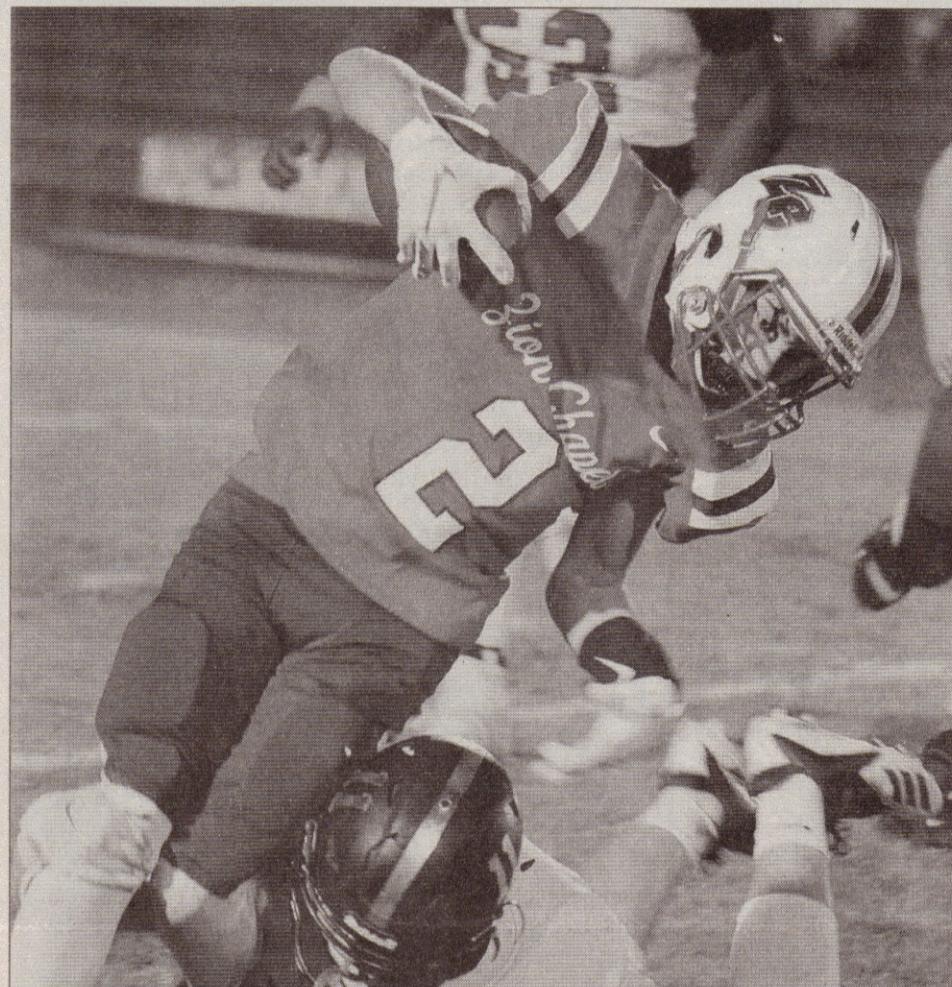
Addison Hudson rushed for 96 yards on 24 carries to lead the Kinston running attack, while Konner Walker added 17 yards on three totes.



Kinston's Addison Hudson (15) continued to be the offensive workhorse for the Bulldogs last week as he gained 96 yards on 24 carries in the game. The 2-6 Bulldogs will host Samson Friday night in Kinston for the final game of the season as the originally scheduled Oct. 30th clash with Barbour County will be forfeited by Barbour County, which is not participating in sports this year due to COVID-19.

Photo by Linda Hodge

Bears prove to be too elusive for Zion Chapel in region loss



Zion Chapel's Levi Mills (2) fights for extra yards in last week's region loss to the Cottonwood Bears. The Rebels will travel to Hartford this Friday night to take on the Geneva County Bulldogs.

Statistics by Joey Arnold
Photos by Catrina Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled on even terms with the Cottonwood Bears for the first two quarters Friday night, but the Bears exploded for three third quarter touchdowns to take command and the Rebels never caught up in a 44-21 loss, at Bates Memorial Stadium, in Enterprise.

Cottonwood scored first in the game to take an early 6-0 lead, but the Rebels rallied to go on top 7-6 midway through the second quarter and were tied at 14-14 after reaching the endzone with only 39-seconds left in the half. Cottonwood scored with 21-seconds left in the half to carry a 22-14 lead in at halftime, and then scored three touchdowns in the third quarter to open up a 44-14 lead and easily hold on as the Bears notched their first win of the season.

JD Finger scored on a 1-yard run, Zay Adair added a 23-yard scoring dash and Brockton Bragg scored on a 3-yard run to pace the Rebel offense.

Mekhi Anglin rushed for 186 yards on 15 carries and scored on runs of 79, 16, 52 and 12 yards to spark the Cottonwood offensive attack, while Austin McCord tossed a 66-yard touchdown pass to Raymond Bryant and Brody Morris added a 41-yard scoring run to round out the Bears scoring.

Physically disabled hunt dates announced for field trial area

The M. Barnett Lawley disabled hunt dates: November 25, 28; December 23, 30; January 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 27, 30.

Hunters with physical disabilities are required to fill out a Disabled Hunter Permit Application prior to the hunt dates. The permit can be downloaded from the "Physically Disabled Hunting Areas" section of www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/where-hunt-alabama.

Hunt availability is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Hunters are limited to registering for only one hunt for the season and must bring an assistant to help with the hunt. Hunters will need a hunting license and Conservation ID number prior to registering.

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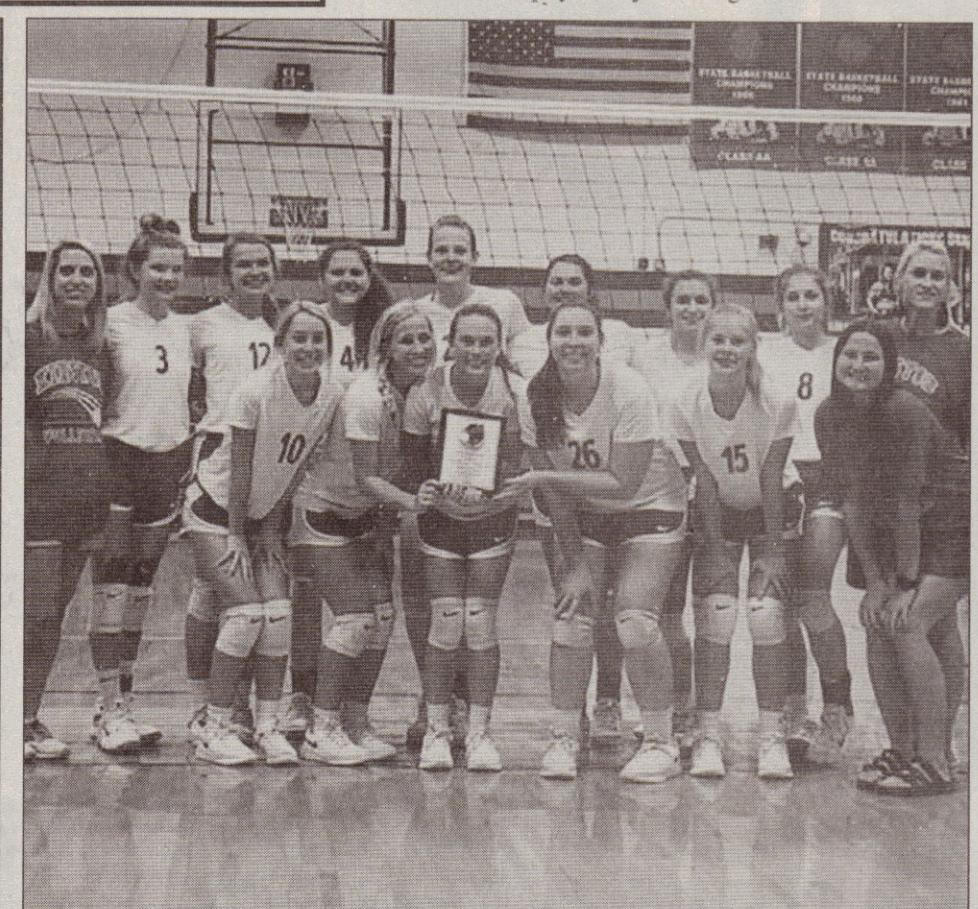
For questions about the FWFTA physically disabled hunts, call or email Evan Lawrence with the ADCNR State Lands Division at (334) 353-7909 or Evan.Lawrence@dcnr.alabama.gov.



Zion Chapel Rebel Band drum major Stetson Adcock (left) leads his band during halftime festivities last Friday night at Bates Memorial Stadium in Enterprise. The band has entertained each and every week with its halftime show and kept excitement in the stands too by playing and cheering for the Rebels.

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14	1st Downs
42-194	Rushes-Yds.
51	Passing Yds.
245	Total Offense
7-16-2	Passes
3/0	Fumbles/Lost
3-34	Punts-Ave.
7-67	Penalties-Yds.



Kinston Lady Bulldogs advance to region by defeating Wadley in sub-region action last week...

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs punched their ticket to the South Region Tournament with a solid 25-11, 25-8, 25-20 win over Wadley, last week in sub-region action. Faith Peters had 8 kills and 35 hits to spark the Lady Bulldogs, while Macie Sanders added 8 aces on 23 serves and Sarah Beth Long added 36 assists. Blair Wyrordick also adds 22 passes in the match to help the Lady Bulldogs advance in the state volleyball playoffs.

Above, the Lady Bulldogs celebrate being crowned the area champs earlier in the week.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Alabama completes 2020 Census with 99.9 percent household response, governor says

Governor Kay Ivey — alongside the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) and Alabama Counts! — today announced final participation results of Census 2020 for the state of Alabama. The census officially came to a close nationwide on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Alabama finished with an overall household response rate of 99.9%, on par with 48 other U.S. states. Of this total, 63.5% were self-responding Alabamians — an improvement from the 62.5% self-response rate recorded in 2010. Across the state, 47 counties exceeded their 2010 self-response rate.

In addition to self-response rates recorded by internet, phone or mail, the remaining percentage of responses was gathered by door-to-door Census takers for households who did not participate in self-response.

Governor Ivey has led census efforts in alignment with

ADECA and Alabama Counts! since April 2019 to ensure participation numbers statewide reflected a proper Alabama representation. At stake has continued to be adequate federal representation, continued community funding and ongoing economic development opportunities moving forward.

"Over the past several months, Alabamians have come together during these challenging times to complete their 2020 Census, heeding our messages about how vital this count would be to shaping the future of our state," Governor Ivey said. "We're hopeful that the spirit of our citizens in this effort will translate into good news for Alabama down the road."

The response rate includes only the percentage of households accounted for, not the number of people living in those households. The U.S. Census Bureau will release the total statewide population figures for the Alabama and all other states in the coming months, currently scheduled for Dec. 31. These figures will determine congressional re-apportionment.

Elba High Alumni Association to host golf tourney fundraiser on Saturday

The Elba High School Alumni Association's annual 4-person scramble golf tournament set for Saturday, Oct. 24, is open to anyone to play!

"This is a fundraiser for the Alumni Association, but one does not have to be an alum of Elba City Schools to play in the tournament," said Linda Hodge, president of the Elba High School Alumni Association. "If you are interested in signing up to play in Saturday's tournament, please fill out the attached form and bring it with you on the day of the event."

The golf tournament fundraiser on Saturday will be a four-person scramble team event. Tee time will be 9 a.m. Saturday morning at the Elba Country Club.

The cost to play is \$50 per person, and this includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, and lunch.

"Despite all the challenges of this year, it has been another terrific year for the Association," Hodge said. Through membership dues and other fundraisers, such as this golf tournament, we are able to provide Elba High School students with monetary scholarships, as well as, meet other specific needs for the Elba City School System."

Over five years now the alumni association has been able to provide 10 scholarships totaling \$15,000 for Elba High School seniors — that's two scholarships per year at \$1,500 each!

"Our main goal for the alumni association has and will continue to be assisting Elba High School and its students," Hodge said. "Thank you for your help in allowing us to meet this goal!"

"Though this year has been challenging for everyone, Alabama Counts! is tremendously pleased that we fulfilled our goal of maximum participation among Alabama households in the 2020 Census," said Kenneth Boswell, chairman of Alabama Counts and director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. "Alabama Counts! was a group effort of hundreds of people from organizations, governments and businesses throughout the state, and we thank them as well as the census workers for being key to the state reaching such a high participation level."

Alabama counties reflecting the highest self-response rates were Shelby County at 77.8%, Madison County at 76.0% and Autauga County at 71.7%. Additionally, Macon County, which took home the title of Alabama Census Bowl Champion in September and \$65,000 for its public-school system, finished at 52.5% for self-response.

For more information on the 2020 Census statewide efforts or to see a complete map of county response rates, please visit <https://alabama2020census.com>.

MOTION

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tions where its citizens can exercise their American right to vote.

"The city believes its role in the process to ensure a valid election was in accordance with Alabama law," she said. "We believe that the election was facilitated in accordance with Section 11 of the Alabama Code, and I think Mr. Johnson confirmed last night [Thursday, Oct. 15] with his Facebook post that his complaint is not with the City of Elba, the election officials, or mechanics in which the election was held."

Bane further stated last Friday morning that based

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concessions.

The performances begin at 2:30 p.m., and the event is expected to conclude by 8:30 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:

2:30 p.m. — Florala High School
3:00 p.m. — Ashford High School
3:30 p.m. — Samson High School
4:00 p.m. — J.U. Blacksher High School
4:30 p.m. — Satsuma High School
5:00 p.m. — Ram Corp from the University of Mobile
5:45 p.m. — Break
6:30 p.m. — Gulf Shores High School
7:00 p.m. — Andalusia High School
7:30 p.m. — Elba High School (exhibition performance)
8:00 p.m. — Awards Ceremony

Hammonds said the awards ceremony at the end of the night also would be modified in relation to past years, but it should still be an enjoyable experience for all.

Admission to enjoy Saturday's afternoon of bands and music is only \$5 per person.

"Please come out and enjoy a great day of bands," Hammonds said.

Keep health and safety foremost for Halloween festivities

Protecting families, friends and communities from contracting and spreading the novel coronavirus COVID-19 is a major concern for Alabama families in 2020.

Persons who have COVID-19 or who have been exposed to someone with the virus should not participate in in-person Halloween activities. Anyone exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days or who is showing symptoms should remain at home. Of course, people at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should also stay home.

Children can enjoy limited trick-or-treating provided parents assess the risks of each activity, take precautions and carefully supervise. Adults need to emphasize the importance of consistent hand hygiene, proper mask wearing and social distancing where people can remain 6 feet apart or more. Avoiding large, crowded groups is important.

Weigh the risks and consider alternative ways to celebrate. The main indicator for limiting the risk of COVID-19 spread in the community is the number of days a county has a downward trend of new cases. Each county's current risk level can be found on the ADPH COVID-19 Risk Indicator Dashboard.

Halloween activities are grouped according to the following risk levels:

Higher Risk

• Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating with shared candy bowls.

• Trunk-or-treating events

• Crowded indoor events such as haunted houses and costume contests

Moderate Risk

No-touch trick-or-treating (such as candy chutes)

• Goodie bags placed outside for pickup

• Outdoor, distanced costume parade

• Outdoor, distanced movie night

Lower Risk

• Pumpkin carving at home with family

• Outdoor, distanced pumpkin carving with friends

• Decorating at home

• Outdoor scavenger hunt in neighborhood

• Virtual costume contest

• Movie night with family

Traditional injury prevention and health precautions for Halloween trick-or-treating hold true in 2020. As always, responsible adult supervision is key with trick-or-treating. Safety measures to take beforehand, during and after trick-or-treating include the following:

• Be sure costumes, wigs and accessories are flame-resistant.

• Wear protective face coverings made up of two or more layers of breathable fabric instead of a costume mask. Face coverings can be decorated with themes, too.

• Add reflective tape to costumes.

• Do not wear decorative contact lenses; they can cause eye injuries.

• Be careful to prevent accidental cuts when carving pumpkins.

• Make sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles.

• Never walk near lit candles or luminaries and avoid distraction from electronic devices.

• Keep candle-lit jack-o'-lanterns away from

doorsteps, walkways, landings and curtains.

• Prepare grab-and-go goodie bags for no touch pickup outside.

• Consider providing non-food treats such as crayons and coloring books.

• Examine treats for choking hazards before

Saturday, Oct. 31, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. for night, Oct. 12, Mayor Mickey Murdock noted the Chamber would not be hosting Pumpkins on the Square in Elba this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead, he said the city would allow neighborhood trick-or-treating on as a sign to the trick-or-treaters."

The mayor said the Elba Chamber of Commerce formed a committee to seek input from the community to evaluate the event that normally is attended by over 4,000 people. The Chamber's committee had representatives from parents, businesses, city council, police officers, and medical professionals.

He said the recommendation of that committee was to allow outdoor trick-or-treating that can be coordinated by individual families.

"Everything has been really upended this year," said Sandy Bynum, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "And everyone is searching

for a little bit of joy. Halloween is one of those holidays that everyone can celebrate in their own way while still coming together."

There's no question that Halloween will look different in Elba this year, Bynum said; however the greater the distance, the fewer the people, the lower the risk of spreading the coronavirus. Everyone is advised to lower their risk when trick-or-treating by following CDC's recommendations.

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• Outdoor scavenger hunt in neighborhood

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Coffee County Cattlemen host annual Steer and Heifer Show in New Brockton

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association (CCCA) hosted its 2020 Coffee County Cattlemen's Association Invitational Steer and Heifer show at the Coffee County Ag complex in New Brockton, Ala.

This year's show featured over 80 head of steers and heifers exhibited by 54 youth. The youth who participated represented their local 4-H, FFA, or Junior Cattlemen's Association chapters from across Alabama and Florida. The 2020 CCCA show consisted of a Showmanship Class for all exhibitors, a Novice Showmanship class for first time exhibitors,

steer classes as well as heifer classes, judged by Kylie Patterson from San Antonio, Texas.

This year's show also featured a livestock judging exhibition for youth during lunch. The Coffee County Cattlemen provided a hamburger lunch to all the exhibitors, as well as their families.

The show was made possible by the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association, as well as many corporate and individual sponsors.



Grand Champion Heifer was awarded to Dow Boyd of Dothan, Ala. Dow is a member of the Enterprise FFA. Also pictured is judge Kylie Patterson from San Antonio, Texas.



Grand Champion Steer was awarded to Greer Jones of Brundidge, Ala. Greer is a member of the Pike County AJCA.



Showmanship Grand Champion was awarded to Laina Teague of Newberry, Fla.



Showmanship Reserve Champion was awarded to Lillian Smith of Jemison, Ala.



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